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REUR 648.

1. SEE OUR 212 DATED 8 AUGUST AND YOUR 215 DATED 10 AUGUST. IN PURSUANCE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WE HAVE COOPERATED WITH HEADQUARTERS COMMAND IN PUSHING COURTS MARTIAL.

2. IN MID-AUGUST HEADQUARTERS COMMAND REQUESTED PERMISSION AC RUMANIA TO SEND A JAG OFFICER TO BUCHAREST TO INVESTIGATE CASE AND OBTAIN DEPOSITIONS ON SPOT.

3. JAG OFFICER RETURNED LAST WEEK AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ON BASIS EVIDENCE THAT CHARGES BE PREFERRED. HE FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT BISHOP BE SENT NAPLES HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WAS MENTALLY RESPONSIBLE. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL STEP SUCH CASES.

4. HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ACCEPTED JAG RECOMMENDATION AND ORDERED WE MAKE BISHOP AVAILABLE. WE DID SO AND BISHOP WENT TO NAPLES HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

5. IT HAD BEEN PLANNED THAT IF HOSPITAL REPORT SHOWED BISHOP RESPONSIBLE, CHARGES WOULD BE FORMALLY PREFERRED AND GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS BE INSTUTUTED UNDER HEADQUARTERS COMMAND.

6. ON BASIS YOUR 648, I CONFERRED TODAY WITH COLONEL MALONEY, PRESENT CO HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, AND HE CONSENTED SUSPENSION FURTHER
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7. HOWEVER WE BOTH FEEL IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR ALL CONCERNED TO PROCEED WITH PSYCHIATRIC TEST WHICH IN NO WAY PREJUDICES BISHOP'S CASE. WHAT ARE YOUR WISHES?

8. BISHOP HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT DELAYS. HIS COMPLAINTS ARE NOT UNJUSTIFIED. HOWEVER HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ASSUMED DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY WHEN RECLASSIFICATION CASE ORIGINALLY REFERRED TO THEM ON 20 JUNE. EARLY DELAYS REGRETTABLE. LATER DELAYS IN GETTING RUSSIAN CLEARANCE FOR JAG OFFICER TO ENTER AND LEAVE BUCHAREST WERE INEVITABLE.

9. FURTHER ACTION WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR ARRIVAL. CAN YOU GIVE APPROXIMATE DATE?

10. FOR YOUR INFORMATION CHARGE WOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER 96TH ARTICLE OF WAR WITH SPECIFICATIONS DELINEATING FOUR SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF BISHOP'S FAILURE TO OBEY ORDERS OF ROSS AND COMMANDING GENERAL ACC, RUMANIA. SPECIFICATIONS DO NOT ENCOMPASS ANY SECRET OSS ACTIVITY OF BISHOP. THEY ARE PURELY CONCERNED WITH MILITARY DISCIPLINE. BOTH GENERALS SMITH AND SCHUYLER HAVE PRESSED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

11. MICROFILM COPIES ALL DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED TO YOU.

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